

Implementation of St Lucia FMIS/IT System



What Was

- Some level of computerization since the 70's
 - Computer systems localized to Treasury
 - Manual Vote Book operated by Ministries
 - Different modules with no integration
 - Outdated development language
 - Limited computer access in several Agencies/Ministries
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Transition

- Early 90's CIDA's ECEMP II Project worked with OECS states on Financial Management Reform
 - Regional advisory and steering committees
 - Implementing agency (SOC Sogema)
- FINMAN Project
 - Budgetary reform
 - FMIS System reform
 - Legislative reform (Finance act revised)
 - HR/Payroll reform

FMIS System Selection

- St Lucia selected to pilot
- RFP developed and issued
- SmartStream suite selected
 - Most competitors did not have Funds Control capability
- Initially conceived as a 'Treasury' system, St Lucia pushed for early deployment to ministries



FMS System Implementation

- Implementation/rollout began mid 90's starting with Financial Applications
 - Lan/Wan infrastructure developed to facilitate bringing ministries/agencies on-line
 - External consultants worked with local project team
 - HR/Payroll implemented in 1999 (mad rush to avoid potential Y2K problems)
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Early Issues

- Funds Control was a new product, initially a part of Ledger
 - Initial funds control extremely unstable
 - GEAC re-wrote FC as a separate module with greatly improved stability
 - Roll out to small departments using slow leased line connections affected system stability
 - Eventually solved using MS Terminal Server Services
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Post Implementation

- Implementation of the WAN has facilitated rapid IT development in other areas
- SS users now make up less than 40% of network users
- Development of complementary applications that provide functionality not present in SS
 - Computerised Cash Book
 - Advances Database
 - Cash Management System
 - Cheque issuing register